SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The allotments of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products are made on the basis of marketing Plans, product availability, etc.

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Loss due to heavy rains in Karnataka

1212. SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the loss of life, damage to property and crops due to unprecendented rains in Karnataka during October, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka has reported the following damage due to rains in October, 1991;-

i)	No. of districts affected	- 6
ii)	No. of human lives lost	- 37
iii)	No. of houses fully damaged	- 24362
iv)	No. of houses partially damaged	- 78285
v)	No. of livestock lost	- 1099
vi)	Cropped area affected (in lakh hectares)	- 0.45
vii)	Public properties damaged (Rs. in crores)	- 22.18
ix)	Total estimated loss (Rs. in crores)	- 55.12

Inquiry Re. over Reporting of Coal at Ballarpur area

1213. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry regarding the over reporting of coal at Ballarpur under Western Coalfields Limited has been completed;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) to (c). Shri Naresh Pugalia, M.P. as a member of the Sub-Committee of Consultative Committee of Parliament for the then Ministry of Energy had reported extensive shortages in pithead stocks of coal in WCL. CBI has been requested to investigate into these shortages. The enquiry has not been completed.

In the meantime the coal company has intimated departmental action against four Sub-Area Managers of Hindustan Lelpeth, Ballarpur, Sasti and Dhuptala Sub-Areas. Besides, the managers of Chandrapur and Ballarpur areas have been transferred.

Employment to Local people in Coal mines of Chhota Nagpur

1214. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose